

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the Abstract at page 20 as follows:

ABSTRACT

~~While easiness in insertion of a filter cartridge into an inner shell is improved, reliably prevented is exhaust gas from bypassing a particulate filter and a filter cartridge from backlashing. Disclosed is~~ An arrangement is provided for an exhaust emission control device ~~[[with]]~~ having a filter cartridge ~~[[11]]~~ fitted through insertion into an inner shell ~~[[8]]~~ of a muffler. The inner shell ~~[[8]]~~ is formed to have an inner diameter greater than an outer diameter of a cartridge shell ~~[[10]]~~ to provide an insertion clearance ~~[[C]]~~. The inner shell ~~[[8]]~~ is formed with an inward, tapered portion ~~[[8b]]~~ gradually reduced in diameter toward a direction of insertion of the filter cartridge ~~[[11]]~~, ~~so that~~ with a portion of the inner shell inward of the tapered portion ~~[[is]]~~ formed as a small-diameter portion ~~8c~~ with the having a reduced insertion clearance ~~[[C]]~~. Sealing and cushioning materials ~~20 and 21~~ are fitted over the outer peripheral surface on an inward end of the cartridge shell ~~[[10]]~~ and are adapted to be held in a clamped manner between the filter cartridge ~~[[11]]~~ and the small-diameter portion ~~[[8c]]~~ of the inner shell upon fitting of the filter cartridge.